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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

2.78 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS,
SITUATE IN IMPERIAL COUNTY,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA; AND,
THE ESTATE OF ALBERT D. BLEUER,
~~et al.~~

Defendants.

Case No. 08 CV 0142 IEG AJB

COMPLAINT IN CONDEMNATION
With Declaration of Taking
40 U.S.C. § 3114

1. This is an action of a civil nature brought by the United States of America at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, through the Acting Executive Director, Asset Management, of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, for the taking of property, under the power of eminent domain through a Declaration of Taking, and for the determination and award of just compensation to the owners and parties in interest.

2. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1358.

3. The authority for the taking of the land is under and in accordance with the authorities set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

4. The public purpose for which said property is taken is set forth in Schedule "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

or

1 5. A general description of the land being taken is set forth in Schedule "C" attached hereto
2 and made a part hereof. A plan showing the property being taken is shown on Schedule "D" attached
3 hereto and made a part hereof.

4 6. The interest(s) being acquired in the property is described in Schedule "E" attached hereto
5 and made a part hereof.

6 7. The names and addresses of known parties having or claiming an interest in said property
7 are set forth in Schedule "F" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

8 8. Local and state taxing authorities may have or claim an interest in the property by reason
9 of taxes and assessments due and exigible.

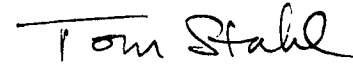
10 9. In addition to those persons named, there are or may be others who have or may have
11 some interest in the property or interests to be taken, whose names are unknown to the Plaintiff, and such
12 persons are made parties in the action under the designation "Other Interested Parties."

13 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment that the property and interests be condemned, and
14 that just compensation for the taking be ascertained and awarded, and such other relief as may be lawful
15 and proper.

16 DATED: January 24, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULE "A"

AUTHORITY FOR THE TAKING

The property is taken under and in accordance with the Act of Congress approved on February 26, 1931, as 46 Stat. 1421 and codified at 40 U.S.C. Section 3114, and the Act of Congress approved August 1, 1888, as 25 Stat. 357 and codified at 40 U.S.C. Section 3113, and any acts supplementary thereto and amendatory thereof; the Act of Congress approved September 30, 1996, as Public Law 104-208, Division C, Section 102, Stat. 3009-546, 3009-554, as amended and codified at 8 U.S.C. Section 1103(b) & note; and the Act of Congress approved October 4, 2006, as Public Law 109-295, Title II, 120 Stat. 1355, which appropriated the funds which shall be used for the taking.

SCHEDULE "B"

PUBLIC PURPOSE

The public purpose for which said property is taken is to conduct surveying, testing, and other investigatory work needed to plan the proposed construction of roads, fencing, vehicle barriers, security lighting, and related structures designed to help secure the United States/Mexico border within the State of California.

SCHEDULE "C"

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Tract Number ELC-ELS-2001

A strip of land of the uniform width of 60 feet and 2,024 feet +/- long, which is adjacent and parallel to the United States of America/Mexico international boundary, being part of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Section 36, Township 17 South, Range 10 East, San Bernardino Meridian, according to the official plat thereof and being part of Imperial County Assessor Tax Parcel Number 33-47-0019, Imperial County, California.

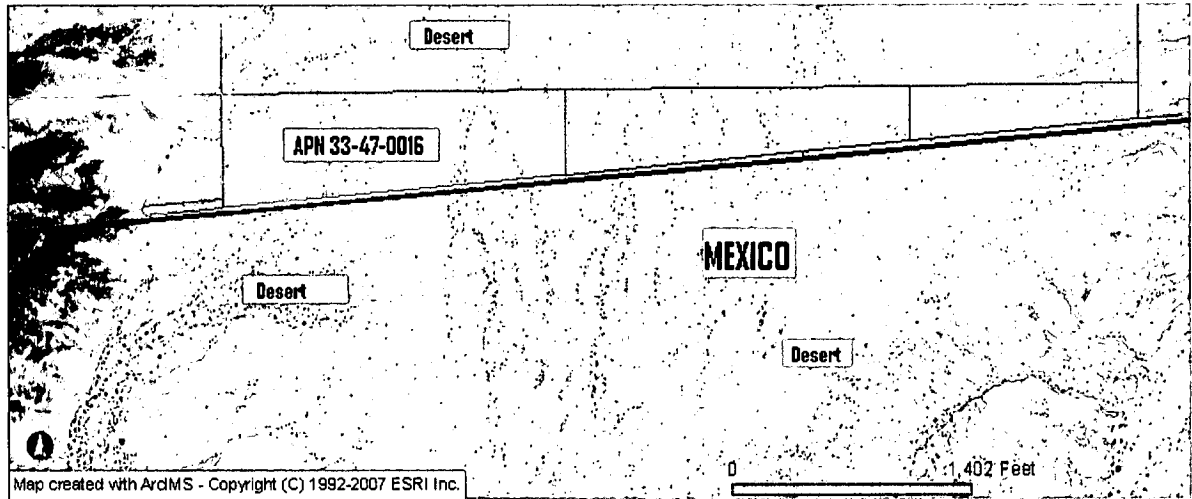
Containing 2.78 acres, more or less.

SCHEDULE "D"

TRACT NUMBER: ELC-ELS-2001

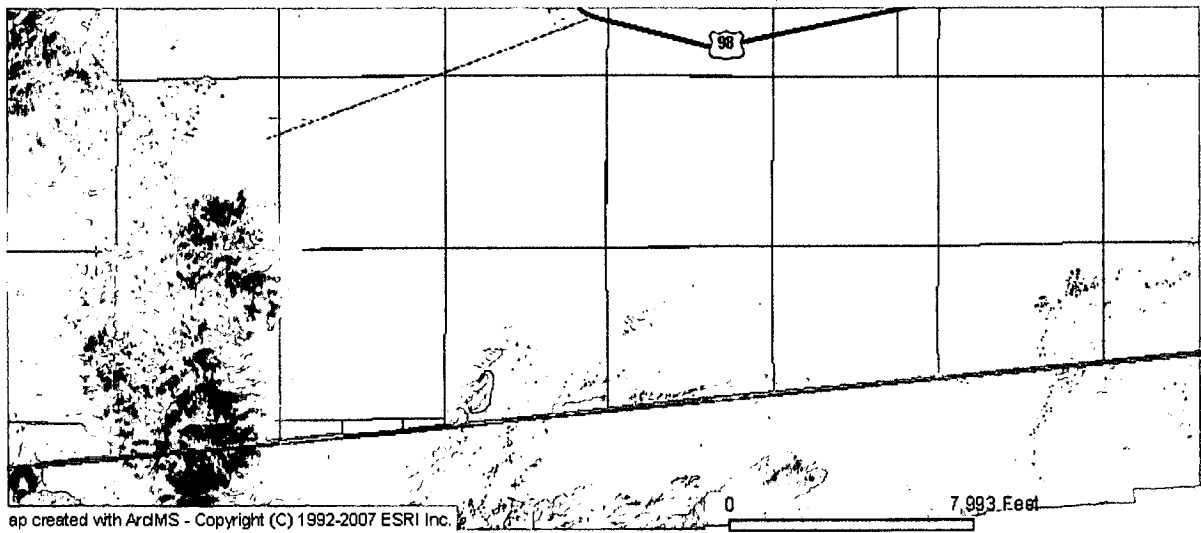
Parcel Map -

Legend: red line is subject property



Vicinity Map

Legend: red line is subject property



SCHEDULE "E"

ESTATE TAKEN

The estate taken is a temporary, assignable easement beginning on the date possession is granted to the United States and ending 180 days later, consisting of the right of the United States, its agents, contractors, and assigns to enter in, on, over and across the land described in Schedule "C" to survey, make borings, and conduct other investigatory work for the purposes described in Schedule "B" and to access adjacent lands; including the right to trim or remove any vegetative or structural obstacles that interfere with said work; reserving to the landowners, their successors and assigns all right, title, and privileges as may be used and enjoyed without interfering with or abridging the rights hereby acquired; subject to minerals and rights appurtenant thereto, and to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines.

SCHEDULE "F"

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PURPORTED OWNERS:

ESTATE OF ALBERT D. BLEUER
c/o LAURA BRIGHT, ESQ.
WHITE AND BRIGHT
970 CANTERBURY PLACE
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA 92025

ESTATE OF GORDON A. BLEUER
c/o LAURA BRIGHT, ESQ.
WHITE AND BRIGHT
970 CANTERBURY PLACE
ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA 92025

JS 44 (Rev. 11/04)

CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

United States of America

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

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DEFENDANTS 2.78 Acres of Land, More or
less, Situate in Imperial County,
State of California, and the Estate
of Albert Bleuer, et al. PH 12-49

Imperial County
County of Residence of First Listed Defendant
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE
LAND INVOLVED.

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Attorneys (If Known)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | PTF | DEF | | PTF | DEF |
| Citizen of This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excl. Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle, Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury PERSONAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Med. Malpractice <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability PERSONAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 610 Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> 620 Other Food & Drug <input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 630 Liquor Laws <input type="checkbox"/> 640 R.R. & Truck <input type="checkbox"/> 650 Airline Regs. <input type="checkbox"/> 660 Occupational Safety/Health <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other LABOR <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Mgmt. Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 730 Labor/Mgmt. Reporting & Disclosure Act <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Empl. Ret. Inc. Security Act	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 PROPERTY RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark SOCIAL SECURITY <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395f) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) FEDERAL TAX SUITS <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 810 Selective Service <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 875 Customer Challenge 12 USC 3410 <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 892 Economic Stabilization Act <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 894 Energy Allocation Act <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 900 Appeal of Fee Determination Under Equal Access to Justice <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
REAL PROPERTY	CIVIL RIGHTS	PRISONER PETITIONS		
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V. ORIGIN

(Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding
☐ 2 Removed from State Court
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened
☐ 5 Transferred from another district (specify)
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation
☐ 7 Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
40 U.S.C. Section 3114

Brief description of cause:

Land Condemnation

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

1/24/08

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Tom Stahl

Tom Stahl, Chief, Civil Division
U.S. Attorneys Office

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